Qualifying marks for assessment promotion in CSIR

3476. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the qualifying marks fixed for assessment promotion of scientists belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, who faced assessment interviews in CSIR during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether relaxation in qualifying marks for assessment of above scientists for the period 1995- 2000 were withdrawn by CSIR;

(c) if so.the reasons for the withdrawal;

(d) whether relaxation in qualifying marks were applicable to assessment periods 1996-2001; and

(e) whether scientists of above communities working in the institute can be members of assessment committee for scientists of the same institute, as representative of above communities?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI M ANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The qualifying marks for assessment promotion of Scientists belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) categories with the maximum relaxation admissible under the rules are 50% for Scientists Group IV (1) and (2); 60% for Group IV (3) and 65% of Group IV (4) to (7). The relaxation in qualifying marks for assessment promotion of the CSIR Scientists belonging to SC/ST categories was withdrawn w.e.f. 08.5.1998 in pursuance of Government of India, DoPT O.M. No. 36012/23/96-Estt (Res.) dated 22.7.1997. The relaxation has been restored *w.e.f.* 03.10.2000 following the issuance of the Government of India, DoPT O.M. No. 36012/23/96-Estt(Res)-Vol. II dated 03.10.2000. Thus, prior to 08.05.1998 and w.e.f. 03.10.2000 the relaxation in qualifying marks for assessment has been available to the CSIR Scientists belonging to SC/ST categories.

(e) Yes Sir.

Concession on import duty for corex technology

3477. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced certain concessions on import duty for COREX technology and not for other steel plants, which are running on conventional design of blast furnace, using METCOKE for producing steel;